

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JULY 10, 2022

**SICK:** **Bill Burford** is home after having had back surgery. He is very sore and is to see the doctor again in two weeks. **Syble Embrey** is still recovering from her fall. **Keith Bailey** (**Kim Arrington's** father) continues to have colon and bladder problems. **Michelle Cates** (**Dan Cates's** sister-in-law) has had one surgery due to a perforated stomach and will have a second surgery in a month, **Jane Haas** (**Wesley Haas's** mother) is now in rehab, but has been facing Covid. **Sadie Leeton** (daughter of a friend and relative of **Katie Brown**) is scheduled to have tubes put in on Tuesday, July 12.

**PROTRACTED:** **Scooter Birmingham** (friend of **Destiny Clayton**); **Brian Brown** (**Paul Brown's** nephew)—epilepsy; **Lauren Brown** (niece of **Paul Brown**)—heart; **Shelly Cates**—fibromyalgia; **Janet Daniel** (sister of **Melinda Haas**)—lupus; **Addiae Farrow** (**Tabatha Clayton's** great niece)—heart; **Ella Cobb**, granddaughter of the **Houses**—seizures; **Bubba Farrow** (**Emma Farrow's** son)—Alzheimer's; **Jimmy Ferguson** (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; **Melinda Haas**—Lyme's Disease; **Kaylie Hadley**—UCTD; **Paula Harrison**—Meniere's Disease; **Lorraine Hounshell**; **Wanda Jackson**—a-fib; **Monica La Rock** (granddaughter of **Orelia Ferguson** and mother of **Noah**); **Garrett Lentz** (son of a co-worker of **Cody Hadley**)—seizures; **Easton McCullough** (**Grayson Hadley's** best friend)—Bell's Palsy; **Becky Munns** (**Tabatha Clayton's** aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; **Shelby Peyton**—knee; **Robert Rawson** (preacher at **Crockett**)—diabetes; **Ray Reynolds** (**Sheila Massey** and **Mary West's** dad)—memory trouble; **Brett Rutherford** (**Dan Cates's** friend)—MS; **Francis Wallace** (friend of **Mary Ray**); and **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of the **Hounshells**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

**CANCER:** **Sherry Brown** (retired MSOP secretary); **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell's** son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **Brenda Davis** (a grandmother of **Edra** and **Ryan Farrow**); **Tommy Hensley** (uncle of **Paul Brown**)—liver; **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshells's** neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; **Sara Kiestler** (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; **Wade Loggins** (member of congregation in **Elkmont, AL**); **Trina McKinney** (**Mary Ray's** grandson-in-law)—prostate; **Dorothy Mosher** (wife of an MSOP instructor); **Carol Ogelsby** (family of **Sonny Stewart** and the **Browns**)—stomach; **Tommy Pierce** (the **Browns's** friend); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton's** sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** **Janice Bailey** (at the **Arringtons's**); **Orelia Ferguson** (home), and **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates's** mother who is in a care center in **Pensacola, FL**).

**SERVING:** **Dylan** and **Maggie Cooper** (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), **Cameron Hadley** (**Grayson Hadley's** dad—Marines, Hawaii). Also, please continue to pray for **Kyle Embrey** (**Syble Embrey's** grandson—policeman) and all other military [especially who are going or remain abroad] and for all those in authority that we might live "quiet and peaceable" lives (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

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**Services:** Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

**Ministers:** Every Christian

**Elders:** Dan Cates (662-560-8045)

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**Missions** [the latest reports from these works are on the bulletin board in the foyer]

*Kakinada, India* [Providing Bibles and Overseeing Funds]

*Memphis School of Preaching*

*Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)*

*Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)*

*Jamie Long (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)*

*Warm Heart Missions (Roger Chambers)*

*Pablo Horna (Panama)* [Overseeing funds]

*Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)*

*Tennessee Children's Home, West*

*School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)*

*Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)*

*Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts*

# INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

## Part XV: Ezra

The book of Ezra--sometimes in the past tied to Nehemiah as 1 Ezra [not to be confused with the apocryphal 1 Esdras]--picks up where 2 Chronicles ends, with the decree of Cyrus which allowed the children of Israel to return to Judea (compare 2 Chronicles 36:22,23 and Ezra 1:1-3). It is the returning from captivity that serves as the subject of this continuation of the history of God's people. The northern kingdom, Israel, had been carried into Assyrian captivity in 721 B.C., while the southern kingdom, Judah, had been carried into Babylonian captivity over three deportations (606, 597, and 586 B.C.). The captives of the Assyrians became captives of Babylon when the later conquered the former at Nineveh (612 B.C.) and Haran and Carchemish (609 B.C.); accordingly, the premillennial fallacy of the "ten lost tribes" does not fit Scripture or secular history, for [among other reasons], first, in the time of Rehoboam some "out of all the tribes of Israel" had already fled to Judah (2 Chr. 11:16); second, not all Israelites were taken captive (2 Chr. 30:1); third, after the captivity began "all Israel [was still dwelling-DFC] in their cities" (Ezra 2:70) and "the children of those that had been carried away" offered "twelve bullocks for all Israel" (Ezra 8:35); and, fourth, being captives under Babylon, the Israelites would have had the same right to return as the rest of the Jews (Ezra 1:1-4). These returns took place in waves: Zerubbabel's return to rebuild the temple (around 536 B.C.), Ezra's return to restore the law (457 B.C.), Nehemiah's return to rebuild Jerusalem's walls (444 B.C.), and his subsequent return (432 B.C.). The book of Ezra covered the returns of Zerubbabel (Ezra 2:1,2) and Ezra himself (Ezra 7:6).

As Ezra was "a ready scribe" (Ezra 7:6; cf Neh. 12:26,36), it is virtually certain that he wrote this history. Considering that he made no mention of Nehemiah's return--though he is mentioned by Nehemiah as being at the dedication of Jerusalem's wall (Neh. 12:26,27), it is reasonable that he wrote between the second and third returns, that is, within a handful of years one way or the other of 450 B.C. As this book was designed to give a history of the first returns, it was likely written from Jerusalem to the Jews who had returned from captivity. (*To be continued next week*)

*"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:14,15)*

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### BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: Where was Aquila born?

Last week's question: Who "came to himself"?

Last week's answer: The prodigal son (Luke 15:17)

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**SERMONS:** The Joy of Morality (*Proverbs 13:15*)

*"All the Counsel of God"*: Suffering/Grief

### DAILY BIBLE READING (July 11-17):

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.

**Isaiah** 13-15 16-18 19-21 22-24 25-27 28-30 31-33

**READ SCRIPTURE (JULY):** Gavin Arrington (Romans 6:22,23)

*(AUGUST): Cody Hadley*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JULY):** Carl Hounshell

*(AUGUST): Thomas Massey*

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JULY):** Wesley Haas and Ray Stanford

*(AUGUST): Paul Brown and Conor Cates*

**CLEAN BUILDING (JULY):** Tabatha Clayton

*(AUGUST): Melinda Haas and April Kinney*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY):** Shelly Cates

*(AUGUST): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Please see the flyer of children's home needs in the foyer.

**UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):**

Tomorrow through Wednesday (July 11-13)

**Looxahoma Vacation Bible School** on *How God Used Water* at 6:00 Monday and Tuesday evenings and 7:00 Wednesday night.

Wednesday through Friday (July 13-15)

**Nesbit Vacation Bible School** on *Zero to Hero* at 7:00 each evening.

July 23

We will have our **youth day**. It will last from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Evan Manning, the associate minister at Forest Hill, will be the speaker and Ben and Britney Williams, second year at MSOP, will be teaching a couple of classes. The theme is *Social Media and the Christian Young Person*. There will be some activities as well.

October 16-20

Spiritual Sword lectures on *Powerful Passages of the Pentateuch* at Getwell.

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### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today! Please take a few minutes and fill out an attendance card for us so that we can have a record of your attendance.